

## FREE Daily Tours: Jan 2 – April 25, 2014

*Entrance Fees Apply for tours on Wildlife Drive including Cross Dike Pavilion programs.*

*We encourage you to bring water and insect repellent to all outside tours, hikes, walks and programs.*

<b>Bailey Tract: Birds, Wildlife &amp; Plants Tour</b> Join naturalists as they lead you through this freshwater, spartina marsh ecosystem to learn about the birds, wildlife and wild flowers. Fun for all ages! Meet in the Bailey Tract Parking Lot. <b>Approximately 2 miles, 1 ½ hours</b>
<b>Beach Walk</b> Meet at Sanibel's Gulfside City Park for a guided exploration of the refuge's Perry Tract. Learn about this vital beach ecosystem. Don't forget to bring your shell bag! <b>Note:</b> Parking fees at Gulfside City Park apply. <b>1 hour</b>
<b>Biking the Refuge Tour</b> Bike enthusiasts, bring your bicycle and join a naturalist on the Wildlife Drive/Indigo Trail loop to learn about the refuge's bird life and ecology. The Drive is paved while the Indigo Trail is hard-packed shell, so the tour is suitable for people of all abilities. Fun for all ages! Meet at the flagpole in front of the Education Center. <b>4 miles, 1 ½ hours</b>
<b>Birding the Refuge Tour</b> Advanced Birders Delight! Meet at the flagpole in front of the Education Center to begin your bird identification tour. Follow a naturalist along Wildlife Drive while in the comfort of your car. <b>1 ½ hours</b>
<b>Birds &amp; Wildlife Tour</b> Come along on a car caravan tour of the refuge. This tour highlights the fascinating natural wonders of this unique mangrove ecosystem and the wildlife that lives here. Meet at the flagpole. <b>1 ½ hours</b>
<b>Calusa Shell Mound Trail Tour</b> Meet naturalists who will enthrall you with tales of the Calusa people's history and learn about native Florida plant life on this enchanting boardwalk trail. Meet at the Shell Mound Trail Parking Lot. <b>1/3 mile, 1 - 3pm continuously.</b>
<b>Indigo Trail Hike</b> Naturalists lead a tour identifying and discussing the ecosystem's plants, animals, birds and reptiles. Fun for all ages! Meet at the flagpole in front of the Education Center. <b>Approximately 2 miles, 1 ½ hours</b>
<b>Nature's Pollinators &amp; Plant Walk</b> Meet in the Education Center then walk with a naturalist on the boardwalk of the Indigo Trail to identify our native plants and what pollinates them. <b>Approximately ¼ mile, 1 ½ hours</b>
<b>Plants of the Bailey Tract Tour</b> Walk the trails of the Bailey Tract with a naturalist to learn about the plants and trees of this freshwater ecosystem of Southwest Florida. Fun for all ages! Meet at the Bailey Tract Parking Lot. <b>Approximately 2 miles, 1 ½ hours</b>

## FREE Daily Programs: Jan 2 – April 25, 2014

*All programs are at the Cross Dike Pavilion on Wildlife Drive unless otherwise stated.*

<b>Birds, Bills &amp; Beaks - How do they eat?</b> What is on the menu for the birds in the estuary? Learn how to identify the birds of the refuge, their adaptations and interesting facts about each species. Watch a demonstration showing how these birds use their specialized bills to live in this diverse mangrove ecosystem. <b>30 minutes</b>
<b>Birds of the Refuge</b> Not sure which feathery friends you are seeing through your binoculars? Learn interesting facts about birds and how to identify them in the estuary. Fun for all ages! <b>30 minutes</b>
<b>Endangered &amp; Threatened Species</b> The habitats of animals throughout the world are disappearing, affecting species everywhere. Come discover endangered species of Southwest Florida and what you can do to help. Fun for all ages! <b>30 minutes</b>
<b>Florida Manatees</b> Explore the world of one of America's most endangered species, the Florida manatee, as it faces a challenging future. Find out what you can do to help save this species. Fun for all ages! <b>30 minutes</b>
<b>Gators &amp; Crocs</b> Is it an alligator or crocodile? Learn about the order <i>Crocodylia</i> , including crocodiles, gharials, alligators and caimans. Learn how to identify families and local species in the refuge. Fun for all ages! <b>30 minutes</b>
<b>Reptiles &amp; Amphibians</b> Come and discover our underappreciated refuge residents: snakes, lizards, toads, frogs and anoles! <b>30 minutes</b>
<b>Shorebirds of the Refuge</b> Sort the jumble of "Little Brown Birds" as you learn to identify different shorebirds found in the refuge. <b>30 minutes</b>
<b>Family Craft &amp; Story-time</b> Join a naturalist for story-time at our refuge. Bring your family to hear an exciting wildlife themed story and make a craft about an animal in our estuarine ecosystem. Story-time is appropriate for pre-K through 6 <sup>th</sup> , although everyone is welcome. <b>30 minutes. Inside the Education Center.</b>
<b>Florida's Venomous Wildlife</b> Learn about the venomous wildlife that live in Southwest Florida. We will teach you how to identify the animals and their habitats. Fun for all ages! <b>30 minutes. Inside the Education Center</b>
<b>Raptors of SW Florida</b> Discover which raptors live in Southwest Florida and learn about their adaptations for survival. <b>30 minutes</b>
<b>Nature Photography</b> Get back to nature! Learn the art of nature photography using basic equipment. We will teach you how to understand your subject and the etiquette involved in getting a great picture without disturbing the subject. Great for family outings in nature. <b>30 minutes. Inside the Education Center.</b>

**LECTURE SERIES: Fridays at 10:00am and 1:00pm in Education Center. See lecture series handout for schedule.**

**FILM SERIES: Wednesdays at 2:00 pm in Education Center. Held every other week - see film series handout for schedule.**